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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

14 OCT 1961

The Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Recommendation No. 32 of the Joint Study Group on Foreign Intelligence Activities, as approved by the President, requires the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) to review future plans and programs of each member of the community for consistency and proper allocation of effort at the beginning of each annual budget cycle, as a basis for guidance and coordination to the community and for reporting to the NSC annually.

Pursuant thereto, the USIB has considered the attached analysis of the foreign intelligence programs of the USIB member agencies for FY 1963 compared with FY 1962, prepared by the Coordination Staff of the Director of Central Intelligence on the basis of information submitted by USIB member agencies.

The agency programs summarized herein are based upon the tentative plans and estimates of each USIB member agency, and are therefore subject to further review and revision in accordance with the normal budgetary process. In addition, the activation of the Defense Intelligence Agency will undoubtedly result in modifications of the military service programs as described in the attachment.

The United States Intelligence Board, after consideration of the attached analysis, has agreed to the following actions:

- a. Consistent with approved Joint Study Group Recommendation No. 9, endorse in principle the need for the procurement of improved ELINT collection and processing equipment. (See page 4 of attachment.)

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b. Encourage the Department of State and the Department of Defense to develop now a coordinated program for the timely establishment of foreign service and attache coverage of all of Africa, and to review such coverage for Latin America. (See page 12 of attachment.)

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d. Support in principle the need for improving intelligence support for the planning of guerilla operations. (See page 18 of attachment.)

e. Note that the Coordination Staff, with the cooperation of the departments and agencies concerned, will submit for USIB consideration recommendations for improvements in future annual program reviews, based upon the experience gained as a result of this initial effort.

As further agreed by the USIB, the attached analysis and the above-quoted USIB actions are transmitted herewith for information and for such action as you may deem appropriate. I stand ready to consult or cooperate as may be desired by you regarding any action applicable to your department.

In my capacity as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, I am directing that Agency to take appropriate action in accordance with these USIB actions.

I am also sending an identical letter to the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Allen W. Dulles
Chairman, United States Intelligence Board

cc: Asst. Sec/Def (Special Operations)

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